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The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr. The Deputy Secretary of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Bill,

The suggestion in your 9 September letter for an intelligence periodical reporting on Soviet activity in the Middle East is a good one. We intend to make this an interagency project and to swing into action as soon as possible.

In planning this undertaking, we will have to make a series of initial decisions on such matters as what topics to cover, how frequently to publish, and what level of classification will permit the most useful product for consumers. We intend to approach these questions flexibly, experimenting where advisable until we have accumulated experience. In the course of this, we plan to stay in touch with DOD representatives who have an interest in the subject.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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